

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

**CASE NO.: 2:14-cr-076
JUDGE SMITH
MAGISTRATE JUDGE DEEVERS**

ERICA A. BALLANTINE,

Defendant.

ORDER

On May 5, 2014, the Magistrate Judge issued a Report and Recommendation pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1), recommending that the Court accept Defendant Ballantine's guilty plea to Count One of the Information charging her with conspiracy to defraud the United States in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 286. Defendant, represented by counsel, waived her right to appear on the matter before a District Judge. The Magistrate Judge conducted the colloquy required by Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure. Defendant's plea was knowing, voluntary, free from coercion, and had a basis in fact.

Defendant was specifically informed of her right to contest the Report and Recommendation by filing any objections within 14 days of the issuance of the Report and Recommendation pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B) and Rule 72(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Defendant did not file any objections.

Accordingly, the Court **ADOPTS** the Report and Recommendation and **ACCEPTS** Defendant's plea of guilty to Count One of the Information. Defendant is hereby adjudged guilty of conspiracy to defraud the United States.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

/s/ George C. Smith
GEORGE C. SMITH, JUDGE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT